

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A user interface for a recommender system, the user interface comprising:
a display screen having:
a first region for displaying a rating derived from a previously defined preference profile contained in the recommender system; and
a second region displaying preference settings in the profile which were used to derive the rating;
wherein the preference settings can be changed if the rating derived by the profile is incorrect.
2. The user interface according to claim 1, wherein the profile is an explicit-based preference profile.
3. The user interface according to claim 1, wherein the profile is an implicit-based preference profile.
4. The user interface according to claim 1, further comprising a third region for displaying a rating derived from a previously defined second profile contained in the recommender system.
5. The user interface according to claim 4, wherein the profile is an explicit-based preference profile and the second profile is an implicit-based preference profile.

6. The user interface according to claim 4, further comprising a fourth region displaying preference settings in the second profile which were used to derive the rating.
7. The user interface according to claim 6, wherein the preference settings displayed in the fourth region can be changed if the rating derived by the profile is incorrect.
8. The user interface according to claim 1, wherein the second region further enables features to be added to the profile.
9. The user interface according to claim 1, wherein the recommender comprises a television show recommender and the preference profile comprises a television show viewing preference profile.
10. A method for correcting a previously defined preference profile used in a recommender system to more accurately reflect a user's preferences, the method comprising the steps of:
 - displaying a rating derived from the previously defined preference profile;
 - displaying preference settings in the profile which were used to derive the rating; and
 - enabling the user to change at least one of the preference settings if the rating derived by the profile is incorrect.
11. The method according to claim 10, wherein the profile is an explicit-based preference profile.

12. The method according to claim 10, wherein the profile is an implicit-based preference profile.
13. The method according to claim 10, further comprising displaying a rating derived from a previously defined second profile contained in the recommender system.
14. The method according to claim 13, wherein the profile is an explicit-based preference profile and the second profile is an implicit-based preference profile.
15. The method according to claim 13, further comprising displaying preference settings in the second profile which were used to derive the rating.
16. The method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of enabling the user to change at least one of the preference settings in the second profile if the rating derived by the second profile is incorrect.
17. The method according to claim 10, further comprising the step of enabling the user to add features to the profile.
18. The method according to claim 10, wherein the recommender comprises a television show recommender and the preference profile comprises a television show viewing preference profile.

19. A recommender system comprising:
- a preference profile;
 - a user interface including a display screen having:
 - a first region for displaying a rating derived from the profile; and
 - a second region displaying preference settings in the profile which were used to derive the rating;
 - wherein the preference settings can be changed if the rating derived by the profile is incorrect.
20. The recommender system according to claim 19, wherein the profile is an explicit-based preference profile.
21. The recommender system according to claim 19, wherein the profile is an implicit-based preference profile.
22. The recommender system according to claim 19, further comprising a second preference profile and a third region for displaying a rating derived from the second preference profile.
23. The recommender system according to claim 22, wherein the profile is an explicit-based preference profile and the second profile is an implicit-based preference profile.

24. The recommender system according to claim 22, further comprising a fourth region displaying preference settings in one of the profiles which were used to derive the corresponding rating.

25. The recommender system according to claim 24, wherein the preference settings displayed in the fourth region can be changed if the rating derived by the profile is incorrect.

26. The recommender system according to claim 19, wherein the second region further enables features to be added to the profile.

27. The recommender system according to claim 19, wherein the recommender comprises a television show recommender and the preference profile comprises a television show viewing preference profile.